

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Governor Announces Appointments to Commissions and Boards

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback today announced numerous appointments to boards and commissions.

"I appreciate the willingness of these Kansans to share their time and talents improving the State of Kansas," Governor Brownback said.

The governor's office is always looking for qualified, interested Kansans to serve the state on commissions and boards in their areas of expertise. If you are interested in serving on a commission or board, please visit <http://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/office-of-appointments>.

Kansas State Use Law Committee

The Kansas State Use Law Committee advises the director of purchases on issues surrounding the purchase of products and services provided by blind or disabled persons.

- Kansas State Representative Clark Shultz, McPherson, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term. He received his Bachelor's degree from Wichita State University and his Master's degree in Business from Baker University. Representative Schultz has served in the Kansas State House of Representatives since 1997.

Governor's Military Council

The Governor's Military Council fosters cooperation between the installations and private and public sectors, and pursue initiatives to enhance the quality of life for all military personnel, active and retired. The council will also assist in the development, coordination and execution of strategy required by any future change in missions proposed by the Department of Defense.

- Kansas State Senator, Jeff Longbine, Emporia, is being appointed to the council. He studied business at Emporia State University and the University of Kansas. Senator Longbine has served in the Kansas State Senate since 2010.

Kansas Development Finance Authority Board

The powers of the Kansas Development Finance Authority are vested by statute in a five-member Board of Directors who are appointed by the Governor to staggered four-year terms of office, subject to confirmation by the Kansas Senate. At least three of the appointed members must be representative of the general public, and not more than three of the five Board members can be of the same political party.

- Suchitra Padmanabhan, Topeka, has been re-appointed by the Governor for a four year term and has been re-confirmed by the Kansas Senate. Mrs. Padmanabhan graduated from Dartmouth College with a double major in Engineering Sciences and Economics and she went

on to attend the University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business and earned her Master of Business Administration. She is currently a Chartered Financial Analyst and is the President of CB Bancshares.

- James Cusser, Mission Hills, is being appointed to a four year term. He received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from American University, master's degree in Education from Harvard University. Mr. Cusser is currently the Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager for Waddell & Reed.

Kansas Public Employees' Retirement (KPERS) Board of Trustees

The KPERS Board of Trustees is comprised of nine members. Four are appointed by the Governor, two are appointed by legislative leaders, two are elected by Retirement System members, and one is the elected State Treasurer. All serve four year terms.

- Kelly Arnold, Wichita, has been appointed by the Governor for a four year term and has been confirmed by the Kansas Senate. Mr. Arnold received his bachelor's in Business Administration from Tabor College. He currently serves as the Director of the Hillsboro State Bank, Sedgwick County Clerk, and as the Chairman of the Kansas Republican Party.

Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training

The Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KS-CPOST) is committed to providing the citizens of Kansas with qualified, trained, ethical, competent, and professional peace officers. It is also dedicated to adopting and enforcing professional standards for certification of peace officers to promote public safety and preserve public trust and confidence.

- Chief Robert Sage, Rose Hill, is being appointed to a four year term. He is currently attending Central Christian College. Chief Sage has served as Chief of Police for Rose Hill, KS since 2002.
- Melissa Johnson, Liberal, is being appointed to a four year term. Ms. Johnson received her bachelor's degree in accounting from Pittsburg State University and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas School of Law. She currently serves as the Assistant County Attorney for Seward County.

Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board

The Kansas Pet Animal Advisory Board is a ten member board appointed by the governor. The board advises the Kansas livestock commissioner on hiring a director to implement the Kansas pet animal act, reviews the status of the Kansas pet animal act and makes recommendations on changes to the act.

- Anne D'Andrea, Lindsborg, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. D'Andrea is currently the owner and operator of Lazy D boarding Kennel.

Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response

The Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response is a twenty-seven member board with representatives from various state and local government organizations and industry. The Commission makes decisions regarding the state preparations for different types of emergencies. By including more experts in the discussions, it will allow for a better planned response by the state. The Governor appoints eighteen members from various state and local agencies: counties, cities, agriculture, transportation, energy, law enforcement, fire fighters, county emergency managers, emergency medical services, business and industry, public works, hospitals, public health, tribes of Kansas, individuals with disabilities, and one representative for the seven regional homeland securities councils.

- John Sweet, Lyons, is being appointed to a four year term. Mr. Sweet received his bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and went on to earn two master's degrees one in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval

War College and one in International Relations from Salve Regina University. He also served as the City Administrator for Lyons, Kansas.

- Charles Keeton, Viola, is being appointed to a four year term. Mr. Keeton is a certified Emergency Medical Technician. He currently serves as the South Central Hospital Preparedness Coordinator for Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Kansas Water Authority

The Kansas Water Authority consists of appointments made by the Governor and Legislative leadership as well as agency directors who serve because of their positions and is within and a part of the Kansas Water Office. It is responsible for advising the Governor, the Legislature, and the Director of the Kansas Water Office on water policy issues and for approving the Kansas Water Plan and revisions thereto, federal contracts, administration regulations, and legislation proposed by the Kansas Water Office.

- Lynn Wobker, Osawatomie, is being appointed to fill an unexpired four year term. Lynn has served on the National Watershed Coalition and the Marias Des Cygnes Basin Advisory Committee for many years. He is currently the manager of the Pottawatomie Creek Watershed Joint District number 90.
- Dennis Schwartz, Tecumseh, is being re-appointed to a four year term. Mr. Schwartz is a lifetime member of the American Water Works Association and has been a member of the Kansas Section of the American Water Works Association since 1976. He is currently the General Manager of Shawnee County Rural Water District number 8.

Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services

The Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services exists, primarily, to ensure that quality out-of-hospital care is available throughout Kansas. This care is based on the optimal utilization of community resources that are consistent with the patient's needs. The Emergency Medical Services Board is composed of 13 members. Nine members are appointed by the governor and the other four are appointed by legislative leadership.

- Michael Lewis, Kendall, is being appointed to fulfill an unexpired four year term until May 2014. Mr. Lewis received bachelor's and master's degrees in Education and Special Education respectively, from Fort Hays State University. He is currently the Hamilton County Commissioner.

Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board

Executive Order 04-11 was signed in 2004 establishing the 14-member Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board. The Board is charged with reviewing all adult domestic violence-related fatalities in Kansas, describing trends and patterns regarding the facts and circumstances of these fatalities, recommending improvements to prevent future fatalities and determining if adequate resources and trainings are in place for those who respond to domestic violence crimes.

- Curtis Brungardt, Ph.D, Hays, is being appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Dr. Brungardt received his bachelor's and master's degree in Political Science from Fort Hays State University, and he went on to earn his doctorate of Philosophy from Kansas State University. He currently serves as the Voss Distinguished Professor of Leadership Studies and Director of the Center for Civic Leadership at Fort Hays State University.
- Paula Taylor, Ph. D, Reading, is being appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Dr. Taylor received her bachelor's and master's degrees in Health Care Administration and Human Resources Management respectively, and she went on to earn her doctorate in

Naturopathy and Integrative Medicine from Clayton University of Natural Health. She is also a licensed nurse and currently serves as the House Supervisor and Forensic Nurse Examiner for Newman Regional Health in Emporia.

Kansas Geographical Information Systems Policy Board

The Kansas Geographical Information Systems policy board works to ensure a technological environment where GIS is recognized as an integral and indispensable tool for government and businesses to serve the information needs of citizens and customers.

- Todd Nincehelser, Topeka, is being appointed to a four year term. Mr. Nincehelser attended Kansas State University. He is currently the Manager of Technical Services for Westar Energy.
- Nicholas Callaghan, Topeka, is being appointed to a four year term. Mr. Callaghan received his Bachelor of Science degree in Geography from the University of Kansas. He is currently an Applications Developer/GIS Analyst for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Kansas State Rehabilitation Council

The Kansas Rehabilitation Council works in partnership with Kansans with disabilities to achieve their goals for employment and independence.

- Angelo Mino, Lenexa, is being appointed to a three year term. Mr. Mino received a bachelor's degree from Universidad/Escuela Politecnica Del Ejercito in Business Administration and a master's degree from the Universidad Central del Ecuador in Business Administration and Human Resources. He currently serves as the Human Resources and Training Manager for EARP Distribution.
- Ranita Wilks, Lawrence, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. Wilks received her bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Kansas. She is currently a ILS/Peer Counseling Specialist and Youth Employment Program Coordinator at Independence, Inc.
- Shelia Nelson-Stout, Bennington, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. Nelson-Stout received degrees in Sociology and Psychology from Marymount College. She is currently the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for OCCK, Inc.
- Kirk Williams, Topeka, is being appointed to a three year term. Mr. Williams received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas. He currently serves as the President of Legacy Restaurant Group, LLC.
- Heather Sasse, Athol, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. Sasse received her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Behavioral Science Education from Bethany College and her master's degree in K-12 School Counseling from Fort Hays State University. She is currently the Transition Coordinator at North Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative.
- Teresa Beaudry, Deefield, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. Beaudry is working on her bachelor's degree in Social Work from Fort Hays State University. She is currently serving as the State of Kansas Education Advocate and is the Parent Information Specialist at Families Together, Inc.

Kansas Fire Service Training Commission

The Kansas Fire Service Training Commission provides oversight and guidance for the program and guarantee its continued financial wellbeing.

- Michael Roosevelt, Augusta, is being appointed to a four year term. Mr. Roosevelt received his bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from Southwestern College and a master's degree in Public Administration from Wichita State University. He currently serves as the Deputy Fire Chief for the Andover Fire Department.

Statewide Independent Living Council

The Statewide Independent Living Council ensures independent living for aging and disabled Kansans. The mission of the SILCK is to develop a state plan through external input, advocate for the accomplishment of the state plan objectives, monitor, review, and evaluate the implementation of the plan, and to be a statewide catalyst for independent living.

- Kirk Ford, Pittsburg, is being appointed to a three year term. Mr. Ford received his degree in General Studies from Pittsburg State University. He also worked as an Independent Living Coordinator at SKIL.

Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities

The purpose of the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD) is to support people of all ages with developmental disabilities so they have the opportunity to make choices regarding both their participation in society, and their quality of life.

- Joan Kelley, Gardner, is being appointed to a three year term. Ms. Kelley is the primary caregiver of a person with developmental disabilities. She is also a licensed therapeutic Foster Care Provider.

Board of Adult Care Home Administrators

The Kansas Board of Adult Care Home Administrators is composed of seven members, appointed by the governor. The Board's objective is to protect the public through the regulation of Adult Care Home Administrators. Through its program the Board examines persons seeking to be licensed as Adult Care Home Administrators; establishes standards for the practice of adult care home administration; and requires adherence to those standards.

- Dr. Robert Meissner, Topeka, is being appointed to a three year term. Dr. Meissner received his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and his doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. He has owned a private dental practice in Topeka for over thirty-five years.